

COVID-19

ASSUMPTION OF EXPOSURE AND INHERENT RISK, RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, AND DECLARATION

I, the undersigned parent or legal **guardian of the** child named below, hereby consent to my and/or my child’s participation in an Official Scout Activity (“**Scout Activity**”) during the COVID-19 pandemic and agree to the following:

COVID-19. COVID-19 is a mild to severe upper respiratory disease caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2 (“COVID-19”). Experts have said that people with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but can still spread the virus, and people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. Someone with COVID-19 may pass the required health screenings and be allowed into camp or the activity.

We also know the very nature of Scouting activities and camp makes social distancing and use of face masks difficult in many situations and impossible in others. We cannot ensure that all participants will follow all guidelines at all times.

Potential Exposure. I understand that COVID-19 is considered highly contagious and is primarily spread from person to person, including asymptomatic persons. COVID-19 is more likely to be spread when people are within approximately six feet of one another. I understand that while attending a Scout Activity, I and/or my child may be within six feet of other people.

Inherent Risks. Exposure to COVID-19 includes certain risks, not all of which can be described herein, but may include coughing, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever, chills, shaking, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, pain or pressure in the chest, confusion, inability to wake, and death. The Boy Scouts of America, Narragansett Council (NC) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, NC cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending Scouting activities or NC properties could increase your risk and your child(ren)’s risk of contracting COVID-19.

Assumption of COVID-19 Exposure and Inherent Risks. I have read the previous statements regarding COVID-19 exposure and risks (“**COVID-19 Exposure**”) inherent in attending a Scout Activity. I understand and appreciate the COVID-19 Exposure risk inherent in attending a Scout Activity and that health-related reactions may manifest as a result of attending a Scout Activity. I agree that my attendance and or my child’s attendance at a Scout Activity is voluntary and hereby knowingly assume the risk of any and all COVID-19 Exposure.

Every staff member, volunteer, Scouting and non-Scouting family has to evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before attending Scouting activities or camp. We hope this information will be helpful as you make that choice.

Waiver, Release, and Indemnification. In consideration of being allowed to participate in a Scout Activity and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which I hereby acknowledge, and on behalf of my child and myself, and our respective estates, heirs, and assigns, I knowingly, and with informed consent, do hereby waive, release, agree to defend and indemnify, and shall hold harmless the Boy Scouts of America, the Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America, my Unit and Chartering Organization, and all of their respective executives, employees, officers, volunteers, agents, owners, affiliates, directors, partners, managers, members, and agents (collectively, “Released Parties”) from and against all demands, claims, losses, injury, damages, liability, attorneys’ fees, costs, and/or expenses of litigation, in law or in equity, whether known or unknown, that have arisen or may arise from any COVID-19 Exposure and my participation in the Scout Activity that involve any damage, loss, or injury to me and or my child. I promise not to sue any of the Released Parties for any such demands, claims, or liability. This waiver, release, indemnification agreement, and promise not to sue shall apply to any and all claims of negligence, but does not apply to any claims of criminal conduct, gross negligence, or willful conduct.

This document is revocable, prospectively only, by a writing signed by me that bears the date the revocation is delivered to the above-mentioned Council.

Please Print

Child’s Name (if applicable) _____ Date _____

Adult Leader, Volunteer, or Parent/Legal Guardian of Child _____

Signature of Adult Leader, Volunteer, or Participant, Parent/Legal Guardian of Child _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Please note that this form should be kept on file for one year from date and is required to be reviewed/renewed annually. It is not required for participants to complete additional forms in the interim where there is one already on file within the year of signature. It will be required for participants to complete a new form when attending an activity at a location where said document is not on file.